AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An ointment patch comprising a support, an ointment, and optionally, a separator,

wherein the ointment is coated on one surface of the support in an amount of 0.1 mg to 200 mg per 1 cm^2 of the support, and

the support has a thickness of 1 μ m to 2000 μ m and 50% modulus of 5 g/cm to 600g/cm, a water vapor permeability of $100g/m^2/24h$ rs or higher, and is composed of a copolymer of vinyl acetate and acrylic acid, wherein the copolymer is obtained by copolymerizing a vinyl acetate, an alkyl ester of a (meth)acrylic acid with the alkyl having 4 to 14 carbon atoms on average, and a (meth)acrylic acid in amounts of 0 to 90 wt%, 10 to 97 wt%, and 0 to 15 wt%, respectively, and the copolymer is cross-linked,

wherein the support is impermeable to the ointment and the ointment coated surface of the support directly contacts the skin.

2-3. (canceled).

4. (previously presented): The ointment patch according to claim 1, wherein the support is overlaid with cloth.

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- **5.** (**previously presented**): The ointment patch according to claim 1, wherein the support is non-ointment-migration-permissive.
- **6.** (**previously presented**): The ointment patch according to claim 1, wherein the support includes an adhesive layer disposed on the ointment-coated surface of the support in order to allow the ointment patch to adhere to skin.
- **7.** (**previously presented**): The ointment patch according to claim 1, wherein the ointment patch is folded onto itself to bring the ointment-coated surface into contact with itself.
- **8.** (currently amended): An applicator comprising a support, and an adhesive layer disposed on one surface of the support to allow the applicator to adhere to skin, wherein the support has a thickness of 1 μm to 2000 μm, 50% modulus of 5 g/cm to 600 g/cm, a water vapor permeability of 100 g/m²/24hrs or higher, and is composed of a copolymer of vinyl acetate and acrylic acid, wherein the copolymer is obtained by copolymerizing a vinyl acetate, an alkyl ester of a (meth)acrylic acid with the alkyl having 4 to 14 carbon atoms on average, and a (meth)acrylic acid in amounts of 0 to 90 wt%, 10 to 97 wt%, and 0 to 15 wt%, respectively, and the copolymer is cross-linked, and wherein the support is impermeable to the ointment and the ointment coated surface of the support directly contacts the skin.

9-10. (canceled).

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- **11. (previously presented):** The applicator according to claim 8, wherein the support is overlaid with cloth.
- **12. (previously presented):** The applicator according to claim 8, wherein the support is non-ointment-migration-permissive.